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In re application of:

PIRES *et al.*

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Linker from an Oligonucleotide**

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**Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)**

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for filing a further reply after filing notice of appeal on September 11, 2003, be extended one month from November 11, 2003, to December 11, 2003, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$110.00 for a one-month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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